

## Rocky Hill Board of Health

Minutes of the Meeting on 1/13/2015

**Members Present:** Susan Fisher, V.M.D (presiding); Ken Rizzi, MPH; Robert Olson M.A. M.D.; Julia Temple, M.S. M.D.

**Also Present:** Benjamin Strong, SCDOH Liaison; Bob Uhrik, B.S. Borough Council Liaison; Jeff Donahue, Mayor; Beverly Poelstra, M.D.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm, prior notification having been given in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, Chapter 231

### **Administration of Oaths of Office**

Two new members, Drs. Temple and Olson, and one member whose term had expired, Dr. Fisher, were sworn in for a three year term.

### **Election of New Officers**

Mr. Rizzi nominated Dr. Fisher for president. Dr. Temple seconded. There were no other nominations. All approved.

### **Review and Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. Mr. Rizzi motioned to approve, with Fisher seconding, all in favor.

### **Report of Somerset County Department of Health (SCDOH) Liaison**

- Final By the Cup inspections will be completed by the next month due to their recent remodeling.
- A bat was found at rental property in town but tested negative for rabies.
- DEP came to inspect the salt storage; asked them to move it voluntarily. They are currently in discussion with the shopping center for a solution to this issue.

### **Old Business**

1. Public Health Services Agreement Renewal
  - a. Dr. Fisher reviewed our prior discussions with Somerset County regarding our 2015 contract renewal, for the new members of the board. This included an account of our proposed amendment to clarify the County's responsibility to provide vaccine and syringes for the annual rabies clinic. This contract with the updated language was approved by the Borough Council. However, the County said that they would not change the contract; the County has assured the Board that the services and supplies will be provided and that this is implicit in the contract as it currently stands. The Borough has not been reimbursed by the County for the cost of the 2014 rabies clinic. It has been advised by the Borough

attorney that the Board insist on reimbursement; he also said that the electronic correspondence from Dr. Masaba guaranteeing service and reimbursement would be enough to be binding.

- b. The Borough attorney will seek a formal written document from the county to stay on file guaranteeing services and supplies for the rabies clinic.
  - c. It was also advised that in light of this that the contract be approved without the specific language included. The original contract (without the Board's proposed amendment) must now be approved by the Borough Council at their next meeting. Dr. Masaba has indicated in electronic correspondence that, although the 2014 contract has lapsed, we will be provided with service as needed in the interim.
  - d. The Board will stay aware of this subject and any problem it might present
  - e. Mr. Rizzi made a motion to approve the contract as presented by the Somerset County Department of Health, Dr. Fisher seconded, all in favor.
2. Car on blocks
- a. Mr. Rizzi noted the presence of a car on blocks in the parking lot of John Shedd Designs. Mayor Donahue will ask Public Safety to determine if this violates any ordinances.

### **New Business**

- 1. Meeting Times
  - a. Meetings will take place on every second Tuesday of each month, at 7 pm.
- 2. Website
  - a. The Board will take suggestions for topics on the website
  - b. We will also be taking a look at the hit distribution on the website.

**The next meeting will take place at 7:00 PM, February 10, 2015.**

Mr. Rizzi made a motion to adjourn at 7:51, Dr. Temple seconded with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Hallman